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The Survey Says

Nearly 750 residents of the 17th Senate District recently shared their ideas, concerns and input via my 2017-2018 Legislative Survey. Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the survey. I appreciate your willingness to play a part in the legislative process.

The survey closed on January 31, 2017. It was available via my website, paper copies at listening sessions and printed in several local newspapers since December 9, 2016. I am combining the input I received via the survey with everything I heard during listening sessions as well as all of the personal calls, emails, letters and conversations I have every week.

Overall, transportation issues are the biggest priority for those who responded to the survey. Most respondents (321) think better roads are key to encourage economic development in our communities and believe it should be a top concern during state budget deliberations this spring (441).

Nearly 63% of respondents think that increasing the gas tax is the best way to pay for road construction in Wisconsin. Other options, including redirecting spending from megaprojects in Milwaukee (238) and increasing vehicle registration fees (225) were more popular than borrowing (51) or spending less on other state programs to fund transportation (114).

However, respondents think that most types of taxes need some sort of reform. Gas tax topped the list (319) with Income (267) and Property (270) taxes close behind. The fewest respondents felt that the Sales tax should be reformed with only 120 votes.

Beyond transportation issues, education is also a top priority for residents in the 17th Senate District. Nearly 64% of respondents listed funding for public, k-12 education as their top priority for state budget deliberations. Funding for Higher Education was the third highest priority behind K-12 and transportation.

The full results with graphs and charts are available on my website via my E-Update from Friday, February 3, 2017. Again, the legislative survey is one tool of many that I have used to seek input and learn more about the priorities of the people who live in the 17th Senate District. I appreciate the time it takes to share your ideas and encourage you to reach out to me as the legislative session continues.

For more information and to connect with me, visit my website <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/17/marklein> and subscribe to my weekly E-Update by sending an email to Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov. Do not hesitate to call 800-978-8008 if you have input, ideas or need assistance with any state-related matters.

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